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BUSINESS CALM RESTORED.

Following the Munsey Trust Company's taking over of the United States Trust Company's business, business and financial Washington saw the clouds of ominous portent break away even more rapidly than they had gathered. By the close of business on Saturday signs of anything abnormal in the financial situation had well-nigh disappeared, and there is assuring promise and universal confidence that the beginresumption of conditions entirely normal.

JOHN H. MARBLE.

a year's work he had proved that he was destined final. to be one of the real forces of the body. There was quite without the realm of possibility.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARMAMENTS.

Never before in recent times has England waken-

The chancellor of the exchequer, speaking in the the schools. Public opinion was quite apathetic upon the expenditure on armaments, and intimated further that no government could take action leading to an international limitation of such expenditure without a strong public opinion on the question, the existence of which he doubted. His own feeling on the subject is, of course; intense; he has declared that Europe house of commons on August 15, last, declared that

danger of the immense vested interests in war prepa- view of the first utility of a public park could easily real star-spangled opinion of its highrations, which are fixing themselves upon the tax- find a corollary in the policy of placing the parks pavers in every land, is increasingly perceived, is all under the War Department. seeking to focus public opinion upon this question with a view to obtaining that strong expression of Washington rising up and oversetting the Governor nion without which ministers appear to be unable ment. We don't believe Washington is likely to the Treasury architecture; she didn't echo

Sir Algernon Firth, president of the congress of armaments, and that at the present rate in ten years' ernment is not needed. time the cost would equal the value of the whole mercantile marine of the world.

THE GRADE CROSSING PROBLEM.

majority of them to motor parties driving in the no more funds to play with. country and meeting accidents at crossings.

for instance, it has been accomplished in England, may, of course, yet transpire that will explain away would cost hundreds of millions, perhaps even bil- some of the transactions. But the best excuse for tions of dollars. It is one of those huge tasks that them that offers itself now is the fact they are not might easily enough have been accomplished in the all of recent date. Even so, it is a pretty poor exbeginnings, when the railroads were first being con- cuse. The ethical standards are indeed higher now structed, at modest cost; but fiobody then could fore- than they once were; but such flagrant abuse of a see the difficulties of today, and moreover there was railroad directorate's opportunities as has been reno capital with which to build the railroads any more counted this week was never justified, never honest, expensively than they were first laid down. So the The last bit of evidence produced was the list of reformation of these conditions has become in- members of the syndicate that promoted and sold to creasingly expensive year by year. Now the rail- the Frisco the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexican roads and the community together face it, realizing railroad. That list is impressive. It names the that it is an affair in which responsibilities are mu- chairman of the Frisco's board; an ex-vice president

grade crossings, largely because the court rulings Frisco and several directors; two large trust comand legal enactments have divided the responsibility ranies, three large banking houses. The road was and financial burdens between the community and built for \$4,000,000. These men sold it to their own the corporations. If the entire cost could be dumped unknowing stockholders for \$7,000,000. on the railroads there would long before now have Syndicate profits of this sort amounted in all to been insistent demands that the business get im- over \$7,400,000. There is a great deal of buncombe mediate attention, and the question of cost would and demagogy behind the public distrust of bankers have been shoved into the background.

naturally getting attention earliest. At best it will ed business standards.

The Washington Times require a good many years even to make a good showing of accomplishment. The Maryland commisshowing of accomplishment. The Maryland commission announces that it is entering upon a program looking to gradual and persistent elimination of these danger spots. This is now perhaps a very spectacu-THE MUNSEY BUILDING, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. lar sort of public service, but it is one of most substantial value.

CONTROL OF WASHINGTON'S PARKS.

The recent discussion of public comfort stations in the city parks has served to attract attention anew to the anomalous administration of the public parks of the city. With the exception of Rock Creek Park, the breathing spaces are under control of the War Department. Just why they should be is not at all apparent. There is good enough reason for placing engineering works in charge of the engineering authorities of the department; but surely the parks of a large city are not accurately classified as engineerin, propositions!

The protests against department plans for locating public comfort stations in the parks, in places where they will be most objectionable to the various neighborhoods, have developed the fact that the Disning of the new business week will be marked by a trict Commissioners, charged with representing the general community interests, have no influence in such details unless by courtesy the War Depart ment listens to them. In the past, it must be said, the military masters of our parks have commonly The death of John H. Marble takes from the been very well satisfied with their own judgment. Interstate Commerce Commission its youngest mem- The wishes of interested neighborhoods have had ber. in point of both age and service. Moreover, he small weight. When the Commissioners sent Assistdistinctively represented the application of the merit ant Corporation Counsel Whiteford the other day to system to appointments on this commission. He had ask the department to consider the wishes of the been an examiner, then secretary, demonstrating the public in locating the Lincoln Park station, they highest aptitude, ability and character in every serv- went out of their province. That is all wrong. The ice. President Wilson appointed him to fill the Lane Commissioners not only ought to be consulted in vacancy on March 5 last. In considerably less than such affairs, but their determination ought to be

The distribution of powers in Washington is such every prospect that he would make a career in that as to make the administration just about as remote particular work, and that the public interest would as possible from the people. The public streets bebenefit in proportion as he accumulated experience long, not to the District of Columbia, but to the to re-enforce his other high qualifications. Probably United States. The parks are under the War Dethe voungest man that ever sat on the commission, partment. The schools are administered by a board his conscientious over-application to work had most of directors appointed by the District bench; yet to do with his untimely breakdown. The case is a even here authority is divided, because the District peculiarly sad one, the blow to family and friends Commissioners have control of the physical properbeing as severe as it was unexpected and seemingly ties, the building and repairing of school houses which it would seem ought to be under the same authority that runs the schools. The man who is going to run the machine ought to have some part in determining what kind of a machine is to be turned over to him. If the schools become extravagant, the ed so generally to the burden of the growing naval school board is blamed; yet in fact it is very well armaments and expenditures. The campaign for re- known that conditions imposed by reason of this duction and relief is now taking a definite and urgent divided authority have been in large part responsible for difficulties in reducing the administrative cost of Washington nearly 400 baby specialists.

Public parks, especially the small ones, which are government could take action leading to an international limitation of such expenditure without a strong public opinion on the question, the existence of which he doubted. His own feeling on the subject is, of course; intense; he has declared that Europe is menaced by revolution if the mad rivalry is not somehow checked.

The English national peace council, which define the madic of the English national peace council, which design and the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the War Department's authority dictance at the people. Perhaps the days arrow passage way of dead-end the possibilities that riot and revolution would always to book and a half away from Washing from downtown, are they came to the Capital of the Mass of the States they came to the Capital of the States they came to the Capital of the Washings on a living in the alleys, one in every two four dead-end they came to the Capital of the States they came to the Capital of t clares it is confident that there is a widespread feel- populace, batteries of artillery posted in the circles ing against the cost of armaments, and that the could rake the streets and avenues with grape! That paring to leave Washington with a

But we have gone along quite a time without air of authority and capability about adjoined the shacks, serving no earthly it. The town seems at this juncture quite calm and the sentiments of the megaphone genpeaceable, and there is no special reason why the the chamber of commerce, pointed out at Antwerp public parks should be military reservations any that in 1912 Europe alone spent £366,000,000 on longer. This isn't Mexico City, and military gov-

THE FRISCO'S FREE TREASURY.

It is not so very long since that the game of buy and sell, or loan and borrow, between a great finan-The elimination of grade crossings over railroad cial corporation and its directors, to the immense was Mrs. Archibald Hopkins who was rights of way is a matter that commands attention in benefit of the latter, was played quite regularly. all parts of the country. The last few years have That some such transactions or other would be disbrought it the more sharply into view, because the closed by any investigation of the Frisco receiveruse of the automobile has vastly increased the danger ship that went far enough back into the past was a of accidents by reason of the grade crossing. The foregone conclusion. The sworn evidence is to the Monday news nowadays is largely a weekly casualty effect that this particular line's directors played the summary of the horrors taking place on Sunday, the game like experts and stuck to it until there were

So far as the taking of oral testimony is con-Elimination of grade crossings in this country as, cerned, the investigation is closed. Something else

of the Frisco; the treasurer of the Frisco; the for-The public at large has never been rabid about mer counsel of the Frisco; two receivers of the

as a class and corporations as a class. The more Public service commissions and like regulative thoughtful element has its work cut out to keep authorities are giving attention in all parts of the prejudice down and legislation temperate and wise. country to this question, and through co-operation Instances of wholesale looting of a railroad's treaswith the railroads and the local communities are ury like this make the work none the easier. The making good progress toward doing away with the one comfort is that secret looting is daily growing grade crossings. The worst and most dangerous at more difficult and that it does no longer meet accept-

Some Views Taken in Uncle Sam's "Beautiful" Backyard Section

A BACK YARD IN SNOW'S COURT.

AN ENCLOSED ALLEY IN SNOW'S COURT.



Baby Specialists Thrown in a

By EDITH LOBERT.

measure which was come session of Congress.

With Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, member of the central housing committee, as guide, I visited some of the alleys and courts in question. We went over the courts in question. Last week there foregathered in Just about all there is to know about nfant welfare was brought to light.

collection juggling the vital figures on tuberculosis, the specialists were preparing to leave Washington with a real star-spangled opinion of its highways and byways. But one afternoon a quiet-voiced woman in black, with a genule, kindly face, and yet having an she pointed to the vacant lots which gentle, kindly face, and yet having an she pointed to the vacant lots which didn't expatiate on the charms of the tacle for rubbish and a consequent tlemen about "Uncle Sam's backyard being the most beautiful in the world." She had less obvious but more important things than the first to discuss. and she had her doubts about the latter, for here is what she told them: "Of the babies born in Washington, one in every twenty-five comes to an alley mother. Of such alley babies, one in every four dies the first year of life."

children play their games and in the the ill-ventilated and often overcrowded rooms do their deadly work in breeding tuberculosis germs."

The alleys were lined with children, Causes Flutter. There was a perceptible flutter, for I

making what seemed a remarkable tatement to the strangers. Hadn't they ist agreed that insanitary housing onditions were among the chief causes of infant mortality? And hadn't it just Meetings, evening.
been proved to them that Washington, Masonic-Dawson Lodge, No. 16; M. M. ts lack of industrial wretchedness was the happiest, most desirable place of residence in all the world." And here was a leader in all the city's betterent activities calmly announcing figres that seemed more fitting for the lock yard section of Chicago! What's the answer?

I dare say it is an old story to native

Bay State Women's Club Wants Police With Rubber Soles

MALDEN, Mass., Nov. 23,-A petition to have the policemen of this city wear rubber soled shoes because they make so much noise walking the streets between midnight and sunrise will be presented tomorrow morning to Chief Foley by mem. bers of the Malden Women's

What protection have we against burglars if the policemen make so much noise when they walk that it is almost impossible to sleep nights when they clatter past residences which have brick sidewalks?" the petition reads.

Chief Foley, this morning, ladignantly denied the intimation of one club official that his men liked to wear noisy shoes because it guaranteed they would run no chances of a chance of accesting a burglar.

ture were piled together in a miscel neous array.
"Come right in," she grinned, hospitab-

the pointed to the vacant lots which displayed to the vacant lots which the pointed to the presume to read facts, just so long will Washington have its alley problems."

From here we went to Freedmen's court, between O and U streets and Sixth and Seventh, over to Goat alley, and down old O street, now Neal. Much the same conditions prevailed, and in most of the instances the converting of the pointed to the problems." chi'dren have no place to play. In sum-these alleys into minor streets, elimi-these alleys into minor streets, elimi-these alleys into minor streets, elimi-nating the dead-ends, would partially mer there is nothing but the hot, filthy nating the dead-brick alleys and courts in which the solve the prolem.

Influence Morals

"It is not in terms of illness and death alone that the influence of the home and its surroundings must be

What's on Program This Week

breeding ground for disease.

rate in the alleys," she continued; "the

Stansbury, No. 21, and King David, No. 28, (special) F. C.; Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch, Ana-Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch, Ana-costia, No. 12; Kallipolis Grotto, No. 15, M. O. V. P., E. R. ceremonial; Temple Chapter, No. 13, Eastern Star, Columbia, No. 15; meeting of board of directors of Masonic and Eastern Star Home. Knights of Pythias-Decatur Lodge, No.

9: Calanthe, No. 11; Equal, No. 17. National Union-Scott Council, Pythian Temple; Northeast Washington Coun-Nurtheast Temple. Fellows-Union Lodge, No. Odd; Fellows-Union Longe, No. 17, Covenant, No. 13, and Langdon, No. 25, business; Beacon, No. 15, degree work; Esther Lodge, No. 5, Rebekah, social session. K. O. T. M.—National Tork, No. 1,

business session at 7:30 o'clock and family night at 8:30 o'clock in old Masonic Temple. Socialist party-German branch meet-ing, 8:15 o'clock, 511 E street north-

TUESDAY.

Meetings, evening: Masonic-Federal Lodge, No. 1, visita-tion, 8 o'clock, Takoma, No. 29; Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 7, Royal Arch, and R. A. Potomac, No. 28; De Moiay Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar; Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh, Scottish Rite, twenty-seventh degree; Plecta Chapter, No. 2, Eastern Star, Hethlehem, No. 7, visitation, Friend-ship, No. 17, Knights of Pythias—Webster Lodge, No.

7; Excelsior, No. 14, grand visitation; Germania, No. 15; Capitol, No. 24, illustrated lecture: Myrtle, No. 25. old Fellows-Washington Lodge, No. degree work; Golden Rule, No. 21, and Amity, No. 27, business; Fred D. Stuart Encampment, No. 7, grand visitation.
C. O. T. M.—Brightwood Tent. No. 5 Maccabee Hall, Brightwood.

Socialist party—Italian branch meeting.

8:15 o'clock, 811 E street northwest.

WEDNESDAY. Meetings, evening: Masonic-Harmony Lodge, No. 17, F. C.;

Grand Lodge school of instruction Royal Arch, Grand Chapter school of instruction; Washington Command-ery, No. 1, Knights Templar; Naomi Chapter, No. 3, and Brookland, No. 11. Knights of Pythias-Mt, Vernon Lodge,

No. 5; Hermione, No. 12; Union, No. 22; work; Columbia, No. 26; Friendship Temple, No. 9. Pythian Sisters. ship Temple, No. 3, Pythian Sisters, past chiefs' night.
Odd Fellows-Eastern Lodge, No. 7;
Harmony, No. 9, and Friendship, No. 12, business; Federal City, No. 29, initiatory degree; Columbia Encampment, No. 1, degree work.
Socialist party-Young People's League, 8:15 o'clock, Sil E street northwest.

THURSDAY. THURSDAY.

Meetings, evening:
Masonic—The New Jerusalem Lodge,
No. 9, business; Temple-Noyes, No. 32;
George C. Whiting, No. 22, meeting
postponed; Washington Chapter, No.
2, Royal Arch, P. and M. E.; Capitol,
No. 11; William F. Hunt Chapter, No.
12 Featers Star visitation

17. Eastern Star, visitation. Knights of Pythias-Harmony Lodge. No. 21. National Union-Bancroft Council, Typographical Temple; Dahlgren Coun-cil, Pythian Temple. Odd Fellows-Columbia Lodge, No. 10, Excelsior, No. 17, and Salem, No. 22,

Meetings, evening:
Masonic-Naval Lodge, No. 4, special,
M. M.; St. John's, No. 11, E. A.; F.
C. Hope, No. 20, M. M.; Eureka Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch, Almas Temple,
Shriners, ceremonial, 7 o'clock; Takoma Chapter, No. 12, and Cathedral,
No. 14, Eastern Ster. No. 14, Eastern Star. Knights of Pythias-Syracusians Lodge, No. 16: Rathbone-Superior, No. 29: Rathbone Temple, No. 8, Pythian Sisters, degree work. National Union-East Washington Coun-cil. Weller's Hall; McKinley Council. cil. Weller's Hall; Washington Hall.

Odd Fellows-Centra Lodge, No. 1, business; Metropolis, No. 16, grand visita-tion; Phoenix, No. 28, business; Dor-cas Lodge, No. 4, Rebekah, business. socialist party-Local Central Washing-ton, 8:15 o'clock, 8:11 E street north-west: Local Northeast Washington, 8:15 o'clock, 8:32 Eighth street north-

cast. Meetings, evening: Masonic-Dedication of Masonic and Eastern Star Home in afternoon. Socialist party-Women's Central ComTHANKSGIVING AIR IN CHURCHES TODAY

Preachers at Many Services Anticipate Coming of Nation's Great Holiday.

Thanksgiving Day is being anticisted in many local churches today, algh, in most instances, there will not be servces until next Thursday

The Rev. John Compton Ball's subject at the Metropolitan Baptist Church this norning was "Thanks Be Unto God For-," the sentence being left unin-ished, that it might include everything physical and spiritual that men enjoy

"Three Thanksgivings" was the sub ject of a sermon by the Rev. Dr. D. Butler Pratt at the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church this morning, while

Home Club to Pick Officers Tomorrow

That there will be no discrim equally important in measuring the quality of the product. Unfortunately, it is hard to find figures that show the difference between morals and love of righteousness on the part of the alley dweller as compared with the dweller. The only prerequisite for membership is employment in the Department of the

Shot at Can.

"I was informed once when I came through here," said Mrs. Bicknell, "that the people in some of the upper apartments didn't bother to bring their garbage downstairs at all. They simply made a wild shot at the open can with their refuse, and once in a while it struck where they intended it." Our next visit took in Willow Tree court, where Mrs. Wilson hopes to see a municipal wash house established. Inasmuch as most of the women inhabitants of these alleys take in washings as a means of livelihood, they would still be provided with means to ply their trade in case the women to The alleys were lined with children, home and its surroundings must be ings as a means of livelihood, they most of which were colored. In one of the houses mammy was ironing. Tubs, measured," continued my guide. "Mornoundings must be ings as a means of livelihood, they would still be provided with means to cooking utensils, and household furnials and love of righteousness are factors only their trade, in case the proposed changes should mean temporary hard-

changes should mean temporary hard-ship to them.

"A number of objectionable build-ings here have already been taken down." said Mrs. Bicknell, "and some of the conditions improved through in-dividual efforts. But there still re-mains much to be done."

mains much to be done."

I took a snapshot here of a view which is not printed in the pretty souvenir books of Washington.

The Capitol dome, about which so many superlatives have been written, forms the background for a row of shacks that suggests New York's East Side. I have often heard a Capitol guide pointing out the beauties of the western grounds to a party of tourists, referring to the smooth stretch of lawn as "the most beautiful backyard in the world."

And it's true, of course. And it's true, of course.
But what about the adjoining block

Postmasters Asked To Solicit Deposits

"With every new depositor you have contributed to the general happiness Excelsior, No. 17, and Salem, No. 22, and thrift of your community," writes the Postoffice Department to post-masters throughout the country, in a letter advantages of the Temple.
Socialist Party—Women's Central Committee, social and luncheon, 5:30 to 19:30 o'clock.

Temple.

Socialist Party—Women's Central Committee, social and luncheon, 5:30 to urged to personally solicit deposits, "A serious drawback has been a lack "A serious drawback has been a lack "A serious drawback" the latter committee to the latter A serious drawoack has been a lack of systematic publicity," the letter continues, in discussing the savings system. "It is surprising how little the public knows generally about the operation of the service, it is our duty to acquaint the public, especially in the larger cities, with the facilities the service affords."

Sylvester Plans To Inspect Police Frank Morrison

The annual inspection and drill of the Washington police force will be held December 4, 5, and 6. The inspections will be made by Major Sylvester, super-intendent of police, and the Commis-sioners. The flag trophy, awarded each

at the Westminster Memorial Prosby-terian Church the Rev. T. R. Davis preached on "Thanksgiving in Anticipa-

Campbell at the First United Presh terian Church. The Rev. S. Townsel Weaver, of the Grace M. E. Church Will at the same hour preach on "T Perils and Privileges of the City." sermon along the same lines will that on "The Progress of the Comm People." by the Rev. Dr. James She Montgomery, at the Metropolitan Montgomery, at the Rev. Dr. Rayndoiph McKim, being a special service for ram Lodge, No. 10, A. F. and A. M. The last of the afternoon services St. Thomas' Episcopal Church will held at 4:15 today, when the Rev. Herbert Reese preaches on "Wor Beginning next Sunday, this service for the Metropolitan Montgomery and Montgomery Montgome

on the street.

"The only figures known to be available are those showing the relative frequency with which illegitimate children are born among a given class in the alleys as compared with the same class in the streets. Among children born in 1912 to colored mothers living in homes on streets, one in five was illegitimate.

Among those born to colored mothers

in the streets. Among in the streets, one in five was illegitimate. Among those born to colored mothers living in the alleys, one in every two was illegitimate. No one has as yet ventured a defense of the low moral standards that bad housing—alley housing—entails."

By this time we had reached Logan's court, just off Pierce street, between North Capitol and Pirst streets. There are ninety apartments in this block, are ninety apartments in this block, are ninety apartments in this block, are ninety apartments in this block.

Survey; secretary, M. A. Rattigan, General Land Office; John T. Reeves, Indian Office; John F. Keenan, Pension Office; James T. Newton, Patent Office; James T. Newton, Patent Office; J. Ayers, Secretary's office; W. S. Deffenbaugh Bureau of Education; Miss A. M. For Geological Survey, W. A. Rya taine, Geological Survey, W. A. Ryan, Reclamation Service, and Mrs. Edith 7. Spofford, Bureau of Mines.

Charge Destruction Of Eggs to Hold Prices

Within a week special attorneys and agents all over the country are expected to file with the Attorney General's office detailed information about cold storage houses and their handling of eggs. The Department of Justice has been informed by Congressman Kenneth D. McKellar that the coid-storage interests of the country, by the manipulation of markets, have caused the high prices at markets, have caused the high prices at present being charged for food. In addition to an immediate investigation by Congress demanded by Mr. McKellar, he has asked Attorney General McReynolds to assemble evidence of the reported conditions, with a view to instituting criminal proceedings.

Congressman McKellar told the Department of Justice that he had been informed that one storage firm actually destroyed eggs by the carload after its warehouses had become taxed to their capacity, rather than allow the eggs to go into the retail markets and curtail

problem now before the committee in charge, and it will be decided at a conference to be held by lighting experts and the committee tomorrow. The tree will be strung with hundreds of electric bulbs, with a big star at the top, while the Ellipse will probably be lighted and warmed with great bon-fires about the edge. The Boy Scouts of the District will help in the work. The fund now in hand is \$91, with

Puts on a Play

The Atrum Club, a local organization, gave a play last Wednesday night at Odd Fellows' Hall, under the direction of Arthur B. White. The performance was a success.

was a success.

Those taking part were Marie Koonz,
Walter Rathbone, Arthur B. White,
Ethel Cohill, John Vemeyer, Mrs. Winfield, George Edelin, Eric H. Carbaugh, Robert Jansen, James Ridgway, Nellie Clements, and John King.

Celebrating Today

Washington friends of Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federasoners. The flag trophy, awarded each year to the precinct passing the best inspection, both as to force and quarters, is the prize for which all precinct captains compete.

SATURDAY.

evening:

Dedication of Masonic and Star Home in afternoon.

party—Women's Central Comparty—Women's Central Com